

A Guy's Guide to Surviving at MUW

“Mississippi University for Women” --- Don't let the name fool you, being a part of MUW is an awesome experience every guy could enjoy. I have spent three years living on campus and I love every aspect of it. Living on campus offers so much. As a male freshman or transfer student the first objective is to meet as many guys on your floor and building as you can. Remember guys..... We are outnumbered here! At MUW the residence halls allow us to build a community with each other. This is your new home, so you want to treat it as such. Inside your new “community” you will be able to find your place and surviving begins to get a lot easier.

With this in mind, you must first focus on where you are living and who you will be living with. The best thing to do is, if possible, contact your roommate and see what they will be bringing to the room. Honestly two televisions, two Xbox's, two stereo's, and let's just say two DVD players will be way too much! Agree on who will bring what and start thinking about ground rules for usage. Although playing hours of Xbox is one of my passions, I have to remember I am here to get an education. Once you decide on the big stuff, start thinking about the little things you will need. Some items you will need to bring are soap or body wash, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, toothbrush, and all your basic toiletries. As far as clothes, just bring for the season.

There is no need to bring a full wardrobe with you. A few nice dress shirts and pants, some tees, shorts, and jeans along with socks and underwear will definitely get you through a semester with ease. If you feel you need a bit more once here then you can always get them mailed here because you will have a W mailbox provided to you if you live on campus or you can simply get your things on your next trip home. In your room a bed, desk, closet, one dresser will be provided by the school. Bring your bedding and honestly an extra blanket wouldn't hurt. So let me hit on the very nice things that MUW will provide you with in your new community. First, we have free internet. If you decide to bring a desk top or laptop all you will need is an Ethernet cord in order to receive access to the World Wide Web. In addition, we receive free use of washers and dryers, free cable, and it's also free to use Stark Recreation Center that is fully furnished with the latest and up-to-date workout equipment.

Okay so now you have moved in, you have met your roommate and neighbors, and you have begun making lifelong friends..... WHAT NOW? MUW offers many different organizations, clubs, fraternities, and even intramural sports to enhance your college experience. I personally came to MUW as a transfer student at the age of 25 and I thought that I would basically go to class and study and graduate. BOY was I wrong!!!! My first day I met and began a friendship with four guys whom to this day remain my closest friends. So do you feel better now when you hear “Mississippi University for Women” mentioned? I really hope you do and if you need more survival tips then you just simply ask any guy on campus and we will all lead you in the right direction.

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